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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 331

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 21-41-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]:

Chapter 12. Second Service for Veterans

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the second service for veterans program established by section 3 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "veteran student" refers to a student of a state educational institution who has been or is currently serving as a member of the:

- (1) armed forces; or
- (2) national guard.

Sec. 3. The second service for veterans program is established for the purpose of attracting veteran students to the teaching profession.

Sec. 4. Each school of education, or its equivalent, within a state educational institution shall establish a program for veteran students to encourage veteran students to pursue a career in the teaching profession.

Sec. 5. Each state educational institution shall, at a minimum, do the following:

- (1) Provide academic and career counseling specifically

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designed for veteran students in the school of education or the school of education equivalent.

(2) Offer in-state tuition to:

(A) Indiana resident veteran students; and

(B) out-of-state veteran students in accordance with IC 21-14-12.2;

who apply for and are accepted into the program.

(3) Develop a proactive initiative to attract and recruit veteran students to the school of education or the school of education equivalent.

(4) Coordinate the second service for veterans program with the combat to college program.

Sec. 6. The commission for higher education may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 21-42-7-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.57-2012, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. **(a)** Each state educational institution shall adopt a policy to award educational credit to an individual who:

(1) is enrolled in a state educational institution; and

(2) successfully:

(A) completes courses that:

~~(A)~~ **(i) are part of the individual's military service;**

~~(B)~~ **(ii) meet the standards of the American Council on Education, or the council's successor organization, for awarding academic credit; and**

~~(C)~~ **(iii) meet the state educational institution's role, scope, and mission;**

(B) completes:

(i) a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam developed by the College Board and receives a score of fifty (50) or higher;

(ii) a United States Department of Defense's Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support Program examination; or

(iii) an Excelsior College Examination;

that meets the state educational institution's role, scope, and mission during the individual's military service in an active or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard or upon the individual's receiving an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard; or



(C) completes courses at a postsecondary educational institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency or association:

- (i) during the individual's military service in an active or reserve component of the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard or upon the individual's receiving an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States or the Indiana National Guard; and**
- (ii) that meet the state educational institution's role, scope, and mission.**

(b) The state educational institution's policy described in subsection (a) must provide that educational credit awarded to an individual under this section applies to the individual's undergraduate degree requirements if the credit is comparable and applicable, as reasonably determined by the state educational institution, to credit offered by the state educational institution and is necessary for the individual to meet the individual's undergraduate degree requirements at the state educational institution.

(c) Each state educational institution's policy described in subsection (a):

- (1) shall be reviewed by the commission for higher education and subsequently published on the commission for higher education's Internet web site; and**
- (2) shall be published on the state educational institution's Internet web site.**

(d) The amount of educational credits that may be applied to an individual's degree requirements under subsection (b) may not exceed:

- (1) seventy-five percent (75%) of an individual's degree requirements, as determined by the state educational institution, if the state educational institution in which the individual is enrolled requires the individual to attend in person any course during any part of the student's enrollment at the state educational institution; or**
- (2) seventy percent (70%) of an individual's degree requirements, as determined by the state educational institution, if one hundred percent (100%) of the degree requirements for the degree program is available online by the state educational institution.**



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